

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS

City Council Minutes

January 7, 2002

The semi-monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, January 7, 2002 by Mayor Marjorie Rogers. The meeting was held at City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Answer Roll Call: Chuck Bartlett, Marty Betz, Dewey Dark, Scott Paul, Tom Paul, Louisa Relyea, Jack Stroup and Ray Torbit.

Also present: Penny Lauer and Tom Garner, City Attorney

Absent: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES: Motion to approve the December 3 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mr. Betz. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORTS:

Airport: No report.

Roads: No report.

Animal Control: No report.

Environmental: Mr. Betz reported he has talked with Mr. Phelps of "Keep Arkansas Beautiful", and he agrees that we may have organizations help him. He has written to fifteen organizations.

Emergency Services: Mrs. Relyea reported on the Lake Chanute emergency exercise. The state called the exercise. Our Chief of Police was advised of it, but the Fire Dept. was not. S.I.D. was there also. The Fire Dept. responded in 3 ½ minutes and reported to the state in five minutes. They were prepared to turn the locks on the dams. The temperature was 17°, but went beautifully.

Animal Control: Mr. Stroup asked it put on record that our Animal Control Officer responded to a call that a dog had been hurt, while he was on vacation. He also came in and picked up a small black lab because it was so cold – he didn't want to leave it overnight in the pen.

Franchise Fees: Mayor Rogers contacted the phone company Friday. They are still in the process of updating their sample ordinance.

Municipal Development and Planning: Tom Paul said the next meeting would be Tuesday, February 12. Senator Tim Hutchinson's representatives will be here Wednesday, January 16 at 10:00 AM to meet with seniors regarding the Senior Citizen Center. The meals have been going very well. Jim Linville will publish two new numbers to use for reservations.

Planning and Zoning: Penny Lauer gave the following report for 2001 construction dollars:

3 New Construction of Commercial Buildings	\$ 523,900
7 Remodel Commercial Buildings	212,500
6 New Construction of Homes	826,000
258 Home Remodels, Docks, etc.	<u>926,911</u>
Total 2001 Construction Dollars	\$ 2,489,311

Police: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bartlett gave a report on the suggested trade of property and rent with Mr. Daggett. Mr. Daggett has proposed a swap of 36 acres of land by the hospital in exchange for credit for 36 months rent. Mr. Bartlett said the parcel has been appraised for considerably more than we expect to purchase it. Two surveyors have been contacted, and Mr. Garner is working on the paperwork.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Morris Arnold of 3 Tonto Lane presented his issue of "apparent lack of an effective No Hunting ordinance in Cherokee Village, and some amendments to the existing statutes to give substance and validity to the publicly displayed signs prohibiting hunting." (Tape was inaudible in places due to mics not being used.) He described S.I.D.'s Act 385 regarding no hunting. He would like to see "No Hunting & No Trapping" signs at all City entrances. Mrs. Relyea mentioned there have been several cases of rabies and virus disease in raccoons and skunks in the last two years, and they are dangerous animals. Chief Smith and Mayor Rogers have discussed contacting other cities regarding their "no hunting" ordinances. Chief Smith cited Ordinances 99-12 & 13 which disallow the discharging of firearms. Several areas (islands) do allow hunting. We have no control over these islands. Tom Paul said the laws need to be looked at, but if these animals are a nuisance, they need to be taken care of. Also, keep in mind – overpopulation. Mr. Betz said the Sportsman's Club initiated no hunting rules through Sharp County, but we have no way to enforce these but through the Game & Fish Commission. When we passed Ordinances 99-12 & 13, Little Rock was in the process of being sued because of their no hunting ordinance. We took this into consideration when making up ours. One island is owned by a hunting club. Just north of the North Golf Course (less than one mile from Mr. Arnold) is the County where they can hunt and we have no control over that.

Please get agenda items to Joan or Sue for S.I.D. meeting Friday.

Roads: Tom Paul asked Ray Maynard to give an update on the roads and the coordinating efforts of the City and S.I.D. We have used and/or stockpiled 1,300 yards of state asphalt millings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday, January 9, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning meeting, City Hall

Thursday, January 10, 9:00 AM; District Court, Plea Day, City Hall

Thursday, January 10, Noon; CVBA Luncheon, Elks Club

Friday, January 11, 10:00 AM; Joint meeting with S.I.D.

Monday, January 14, 6:00 PM; Sharp Co. Quorum Court meeting, Ash Flat Courthouse

Monday, January 14, 7:00 PM; Fulton Co. Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse
Monday, January 21; Martin Luther King Day - OFFICE CLOSED
Monday, January 21, 2:00 PM; City Council Meeting
Thursday, January 24, 9:00 AM; District Court, Trial Day, City Hal

Senior Citizen's Center open every Monday and Wednesday, 11 - 3,
unless otherwise noted. Lunch at 11:30 AM Thunderbird Center

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mr. Stroup. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

DATE: February 4, 2002

APPROVED: Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST: Susan E. Maynard
Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer